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SUBJECT: INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF WEST
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1. COMENIUS CLUB, LOCAL ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTION OF CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE, ANNOUNCED OCT 20 INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF SO-CALLED "SIBERIAN WEEKS", SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS, FILM SHOWINGS, AND ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES INVOLVING SIBERIAN GROUPS AND ARTIFACTS THAT IT HAD ARRANGED TO BE HELD IN WEST BERLIN NOV 17-30 (PARA 4 REFTEL). THIS DECISION, TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH SENAT OFFICIALS, IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROBABILITY THAT SOVIETS WOULD RESPOND SATISFACTORILY TO SENAT'S DEMAND OF OCT 17, COMMUNICATED TO LOCAL CONSUL GENERAL SHARKOV, THAT SOVIET GOVT PROVIDE STAEDTETAG PRESIDENT KOSCHNICK WITH PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION OF VISIT OF GROUP OF
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SOVIET MAYORS TO BREMEN AND WEST BERLIN. SENAT HAD INDICATED TO SHARKOV THAT ABSENCE OF SUCH EXPLANATION

WOULD PLACE "SIBERIAN WEEKS" IN JEOPARDY. WHILE COMENIUS CLUB IS NOT DEPENDENT ON GOVERNMENTAL SUBSIDIES, IT WAS EXPECTING TO RECEIVE FOR "SIBERIAN WEEKS" PROGRAM GRANT OF SOME DM 150,000 FROM CITY LOTTERY RECEIPTS, IN DISTRIBUTION OF WHICH SENAT HAS PREDOMINANT VOICE. IN COMMUNICATING DECISION TO CORRESPONDING SOVIET ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS, COMENIUS CLUB CITED BY WAY OF JUSTIFICATION "PRESENT POLITICAL CLIMATE, WHICH HAS WORSENERD DUE TO RECENT EVENTS."

2. IN COMMENTING ON POSTPONEMENT, SENAT SPOKESMAN STRUVE NOTED THAT "POOR ATMOSPHERE" EXISTED AT PRESENT IN RELATIONSHIP WITH MOSCOW FOR DEVELOPING NEW CONTACTS IN CULTURAL FIELD. CANCELLATION OF MAYORS' VISIT, HE ADDED, HAD SCARCELY BEEN HELPFUL. GEORGE

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